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SUBJECT: AD HOC MEETING ON "JAPAN PROPOSAL"

1. SECRETARIAT HAS DEVELOPED FOLLOWING AGENDA FOR THE
JUNE 19-20 AD HOC MEETING ON THE "JAPAN PROPOSAL":

BEGIN TEXT:

1. ELECTION OF THE CHAIRMAN

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. INTRODUCTION BY THE SECRETARIAT C(75)75

4. GENERAL STATEMENTS

5. THE PURPOSE OF THE PROJECT

(A) MAIN TOPICS FOR THE LONGER-TERM RESEARCH

(B) AN INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR FUTURE-ORIENTED

POLICY DISCUSSIONS

(C) COLLABORATION WITH EXISTING RESEARCH BODIES IN
MEMBER COUNTRIES

6. ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROJECT

(A) ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

(B) FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS

7. PROCEDURE TO ESTABLISH THE PROJECT

8. SUMMARY BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE VIEWS EXPRESSED.

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END TEXT.

2. SECRETARIAT IS NOW COMPLETING BACKGROUND PAPER FOR THE DISCUSSION, WHICH IT HOPES TO CIRCULATE EARLY NEXT WEEK. MAIN PURPOSE OF AD HOC MEETING WILL BE TO IDENTIFY MAIN TOPICS ON WHICH RESEARCH SHOULD FOCUS AND TO REACH UNDERSTANDING ON MOST SUITABLE ORGANIZATIONAL AND FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. EXACT NUMBER OF COUNTRIES WHO WILL PARTICIPATE IN AD HOC MEETING REMAINS UNCLEAR. THUS FAR, NETHERLANDS, CANADA, AUSTRALIA, U.K. AND FRANCE HAVE INDICATED AN INTEREST IN ATTENDING IN ADDITION TO US AND JAPAN. JAPANESE DELEGATION HAS INDICATED THAT SABURO OKITA WILL BE THEIR REPRESENTATIVE.

4. SECGEN WILL RAISE "JAPAN PROPOSAL" AT JUNE 9 COUNCIL MEETING. THIS IS PRIMARILY A FORMALITY (PROJECT HAS NOT YET BEEN BROUGHT UP IN COUNCIL), AND NO DEFINITE COMMITMENTS ARE EXPECTED FROM MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, WE WILL REPEAT SECRETARY'S STATEMENT OF GENERAL SUPPORT CONTAINED IN HIS SPEECH AT THE MINISTERIAL. FOLLOWING AD HOC MEETING, PROJECT WILL AGAIN BE RAISED IN COUNCIL, WITH EXPECTATION THAT THOSE GOVERNMENTS IN A POSITION TO DO SO WILL INDICATE A FIRM COMMITMENT. SECRETARIAT DOES NOT EXPECT ALL INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS TO BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE FIRM FINANCIAL COMMITMENTS UNTIL SEPTEMBER, BUT HOPES FOR AS EARLY AN INDICATION AS POSSIBLE SO THAT ORGANIZATIONAL PLANNING CAN PROCEED.

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